

PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR AMERICAN COLEOPTERISTS

The publication of Ross Arnett's Coleopterists' Bulletin makes it possible for the coleopterists of the United States and Canada to work for a unity of spirit and purpose that has heretofore been impossible. It is the purpose of this note to suggest what some of the objective of our group might be.

(1) An American Coleopterists' Society to whose membership every person in the United States and Canada, interested in any phase of the scientific study of beetles, would be invited.

(2) The formulation of a code of ethics governing procedure in the borrowing or lending of specimens for study. How many and what specimens should be retained by the determiner. How long should materials be held before being returned. Provision for the not too long delayed return of material, even though unstudied, that a determiner finds himself unable to get around to studying for any of a series of legitimate or illegitimate reasons. We would prefer to have our materials returned unnamed rather than not to get them back at all!

(3) The prompt publication of a Fifth Supplement\* to the Leng Catalogue.

(4) Following the publication of such a Supplement, the publication (possibly in the Coleopterists' Bulletin) of an Annual Supplement to the North American list, possibly with quintennial or decennial cumulative issues.

(5) The preparation and publication of a new catalogue of the Coleoptera of North America north of Mexico.

(6) The reprinting or, better, the revision of Bradley's Manual. It is extremely unfortunate that there is in print at the present time no descriptive analysis of the genera of our Coleoptera.

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\*ED. NOTE.- In Catalogue No. 60 - Oct. 1946, Mr. John D. Sherman, Jr. makes the following announcement: "We are glad to announce the coming publication of a FIFTH SUPPLEMENT to the LENG CATALOGUE OF COLEOPTERA, which Mrs. Ruth MacCoy Blackwelder has kindly consented to prepare. This supplement will cover the years 1939-1946 inclusive, and will be published in 1947, provided there is any paper in the World!!"

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(7) The eventual preparation of an adequately illustrated and documented manual of our genera, after the model of Curran's book on Diptera.

(8) The eventual preparation of a manual of the species of North American Coleoptera after the model of certain of the European manuals.

(9) The eventual publication of a journal of American Coleopterology (perhaps an expansion of Mr. Arnett's Bulletin).

These are some of the things for which, I believe, American coleopterists should strive.

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#### NOTED COLEOPTERISTS DIES

Dr. Armand d'Orchymont, Honorary Curator at the Royal Museum of Natural History of Belgium, and world authority on Hydrophilidae, died of angina pectoris on February 9, 1947, according to a recent letter from his colleague, Mons. A. Collart.

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#### BOOK NOTICE

Jeannel, René, La Genèse des Faunes Terrestres, éléments de Biogéographie, Presses Universitaires de France, Paris, 1942.

This book is called to your attention as Coleopterists because the author used beetles extensively throughout the volume to illustrate his principles of biogeography. There are 513 pages, 213 figures, and 8 plates. Paper cover.